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### IDAHO CATTLE NUMBERS UP 2 PERCENT

Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 2.23 million head as of January 1, 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 2 percent from the 2.18 million head in the State on January 1, 2007. There were 460,000 beef cows, down 3 percent, and 530,000 milk cows, up 6 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 95,000, was down 10 percent and heifers for milk cow replacement, at 305,000, were up 17 percent. Statewide, there were 310,000 steers over 500 pounds, 35,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 300,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1. The 2007 calf crop totaled 950,000 head, up 2 percent from the calf crop of 2006.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Milk cows, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 20.0 million, were down slightly. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.67 million, were down 4 percent and milk replacement heifers, at 4.46 million, were up 3 percent. Other heifers, at 9.88 million, were down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 17.3 million, were up slightly. Calves under 500 pounds, at 15.4 million, were down 1 percent. The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.



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